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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of :

U.S. National Phase Entry :

Under 35 U.S.C. 371 from :

The International Application of: :

Applicants: ROSELLE, Brian, et al. :

Int'l App. No. PCT/US99/26886 :

Filed in the RO/US on 12 November 1999 :

Title: MICROORGANISM REDUCTION :

METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR :

FOOD :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Before calculating the filing fee, please cancel Claims 1-12 without prejudice and enter the following New Claims 13-30:

13. (New) A method for treating food to clean and reduce the level of microorganisms on the surface of said food, said method comprising treatment occurring just prior to consumption, comprising the step of contacting the surface of said food with a aqueous dilute treatment composition comprising toxicologically-acceptable anionic and/or nonionic